

INTERIM REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH
to the
BLYTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
for the year 1945.

To the Chairman and Members of the Blyth Rural District
Council.

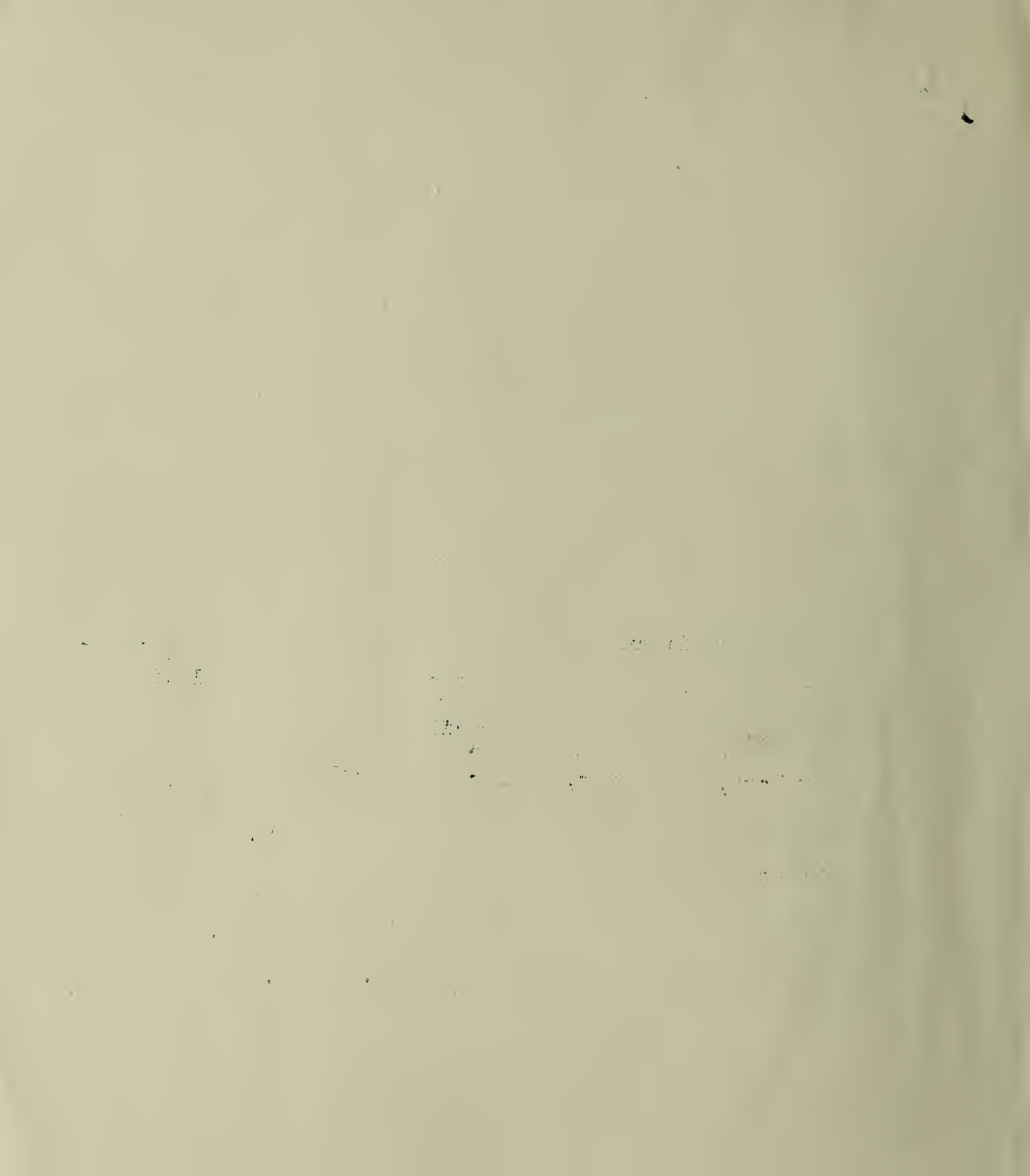
My Lord, My Ladies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith my Report for the year 1945 on the
lines indicated by the Minister of Health.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. M. Burns.



VITAL STATISTICS.

Mid-year population(as estimated by the Registrar General) 17840.

	Total.	Male.	Female.	Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population.
Live (Legitimate)	285	128	157	
Births.(Illegitimate)	58	27	31	19.22
Stillbirths	7	3	4	Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births. 20.40
Deaths.	225	110	115	Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population. 12.61

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 & 30
of the Registrar-General's Short List) :---

	Deaths Rate per 1000 total (live & still) births.
No. 29 Puerperal & post-abortive sepsis	None
No. 30 Other puerperal causes	None

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :---

All infants per 1000 live births	40.81
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	45.61
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	17.24

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	36
.. Measles ..	-
.. Whooping Cough (all ages)	-
.. Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-

Infectious Diseases

An outbreak of Measles in the spring accounted for most of the 103 cases notified. There were 28 cases of Whooping Cough, 13 of Scarlet Fever and 63 other notifications making a total of 207. Of these only 5 were sent to the Isolation Hospital.

During this last year for which your Council is responsible for Diphtheria Immunisation 209 children were treated. I estimate that between 70 and 75% of the child population has now been treated. There were no cases of Diphtheria during the year.

Fortyfive cases of scabies came to my notice involving 19 families. They were treated by their own medical attendants or under my supervision.

Housing.

The Council's determination to press forward with a big post-war housing scheme was shown by the appointment of a whole-time architect in the spring.

Water Supply.

There has been no material change in Water Supply during the year except that large scale developments are anticipated under the 1945 Act.

Three bacteriological examinations and three chemical analyses were made and all proved to be satisfactory.

No action was required in respect of any form of contamination.
